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Dear Tony:

This is to confirm our conversation shortly before Executive Order 12065 on classification was submitted by Bob Gates to the President. Section 3-403 provides that the Secretary of Defense may establish special procedures for systematic review and declassification of cryptologic information. The Director of Central Intelligence reviews such procedures prior to implementation insofar as they pertain to intelligence sources and methods. In the broadest sense, almost any cryptologic information could be considered as pertaining to intelligence sources and methods. We have agreed that the Executive Order was not intended to reach this far and that the term intelligence sources and methods as it is used in this section has its usual meaning so that procedures for the review and declassification of information concerning the identities of clandestine human agents or the identities of other specific sources or methods will be reviewed by the Director.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Gates

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